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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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In re:	Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr
ORBIT ENERGY & POWER, LLC	Case No. 22-19628 (ABA)
Debtor.	Chapter 7
	Hearing date: July 2, 20224

CERTIFICATION OF ANDREW SKLAR IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANDREW SKLAR, AS CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE OF ORBIT ENERGY & POWER, LLC AND C&C SUPPLY COMPANY

- I, ANDREW SKLAR, of full age, hereby certify as follows:
- 1. I am the Trustee¹ appointed in this case by the Office of the United States Trustee, which appointment remains in effect. As such, I have full knowledge of the facts set forth herein.
- 2. I submit this certification in support of the motion (the "Motion") to approve the settlement agreement dated May 25, 2024 (the "Settlement Agreement") between me, in my capacity as chapter 7 trustee of Orbit Energy & Power, LLC ("Orbit" or "Debtor"), and C&C Supply Company, ("C&C").
 - 3. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the memorandum of law submitted in support of the Motion.

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To underscore the key considerations in light of the governing multi-factored

analysis for approving settlements, I submit the following: (a) <u>probability of success in litigation</u> – the Trustee already acnkoweldged the existence of a New Value defense raised by C&C and C&C is asserting an ordinary course defense to the remainder of the Trustee's claim and there is always some risk in litigation, but this settlement brings \$10,000.00 into the estate and eliminates that risk; (b) <u>likely difficulties in collection</u> – collection seems probable and is not a factor in this matter; (c) <u>complexity of litigation involved</u>, and the expense, inconvenience and

delay necessarily attending it – the underlying claim involves many factual and legal issues which

would neccesarily require expert witness testimony to establish the Trustee's claims, increasing

the cost to the estate; and (d) the paramount interest of the creditors -- the Settlement Agreement

provides a fixed distribution to the chapter 7 estate now, rather than an uncertain amount which

would only come after protracted litigation; the Settlement Agreement provides many benefits to

the estate, with the key benefits being \$10,000.00 and certainty.

5. In my judgment as Trustee, I believe that the Settlement Agreement is reasonable and in the best interest of the estate. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court approve

same.

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I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

DATED: May 25, 2024

<u>/s/ Andrew Sklar</u>

Andrew Sklar